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PETITION FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the office action mailed September 12, 2001. Accompanying this petition is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) that requests entry and consideration of the amendment filed December 5, 2001. A check in the amount of \$920 is attached to satisfy the extension of time fee. If any additional fees are required to grant this petition or gain entry and consideration of the amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge attorney's deposit account 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson).

Respectfully submitted,

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